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Southern District of New York

United States District Courthouse  
300 Quarropas Street  
White Plains, New York 10601

March 4, 2008

**BY HAND**

The Honorable Kenneth M. Karas  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
300 Quarropas Street  
White Plains, NY 10601

Re: **United States v. Philip Etkin,**  
**07 Cr. 913 (KMK)**

Dear Judge Karas:

With the consent of defense counsel, the Government respectfully requests that the time from March 7, 2008 through March 12, 2008, the date of the rescheduled conference, be excluded from the speedy trial calendar based on a finding that the ends of justice served by the continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial under 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(8)(A). The Government and defense counsel are currently engaging in discussions concerning a possible disposition of this case prior to trial.

Respectfully submitted,

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SO ORDERED:

  
Hon. Kenneth M. Karas 3/9/08  
United States District Judge

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